

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
ANNOUNCEMENT OF LOCAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TMDL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will present and discuss the draft Implementation Plan (IP) documents for Chestnut Creek on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. Sections of Chestnut Creek are considered impaired or polluted by fecal bacteria and sediment. A TMDL report for these stream impairments was completed in October 2006. The Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) include: a 14 mile length of Chestnut Creek from the upstream city limits of Galax downstream to the confluence with the New River (bacteria and sediment impairments) and; a 3.68 mile length of Chestnut Creek, from the confluence with Coal Creek downstream to the Galax raw water intake (bacteria impairment only). Chestnut Creek is contained within the counties of Carroll and Grayson, includes the City of Galax, and the extreme headwaters are located in North Carolina. The TMDL report, *Total Maximum Daily Load Development for Chestnut Creek: Fecal Bacteria and General Standard (Benthic)* can be found on DEQ's website at:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/portals/0/DEQ/Water/TMDL/apptmdls/newrvr/chestnut.pdf>

Section 62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an IP for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts.

A local steering committee meeting to discuss the draft documents of the IP for the bacteria and sediment TMDLs will be held at the Galax Recreation Center Room A, 3rd floor located at 601 S. Main Street in Galax from 6-8 pm. At this meeting, the draft IP documents will be discussed and the committee will be able to offer input on and ask questions about the plan to prepare for the final public meeting in May at which time the plan will be presented to the community and a 30 day public comment period will follow.

A fact sheet on the development of the IP is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be directed to Dr. Chris L. Burcher, Nonpoint Source Pollution Coordinator with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality at 355 Deadmore Street, Abingdon, VA 24210, email address: chris.burcher@deq.virginia.gov, phone # (276) 676-4803.